Shortage of teachers in schools

1978. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration has reported *inter-alia* that there are large number of schools in the country which have no teachers and that 1,38,606 schools in rural areas and 5,487 schools in urban areas have only one teacher; and

(b) if so, the details of number of vacant positions of teachers in the primary schools, State-wise, and the time-bound plan drawn up, if any, in coordination with the State Governments, to fill the existing vacancies so as to realize the objective of making India totally literate by 2015.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) has brought out an Analytical Report 2004-05 on Elementary Education in India based on data supplied by the individual States and Union Territories covered under the District Information System for Education (DISE), which shows that as on 30th September 2004 in 581 Districts in the country, 9292 and 121728 government primary schools were without teachers and with one teacher respectively.

7.77 lakh teachers have been sanctioned under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) upto 2005-06 of which 76% had been recruited till 31 March, 2006.

School teachers in the country

†1979. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of school teachers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of untrained teachers out of the above; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to expedite the training process of such teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The State-wise number of school teachers in the country and the

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